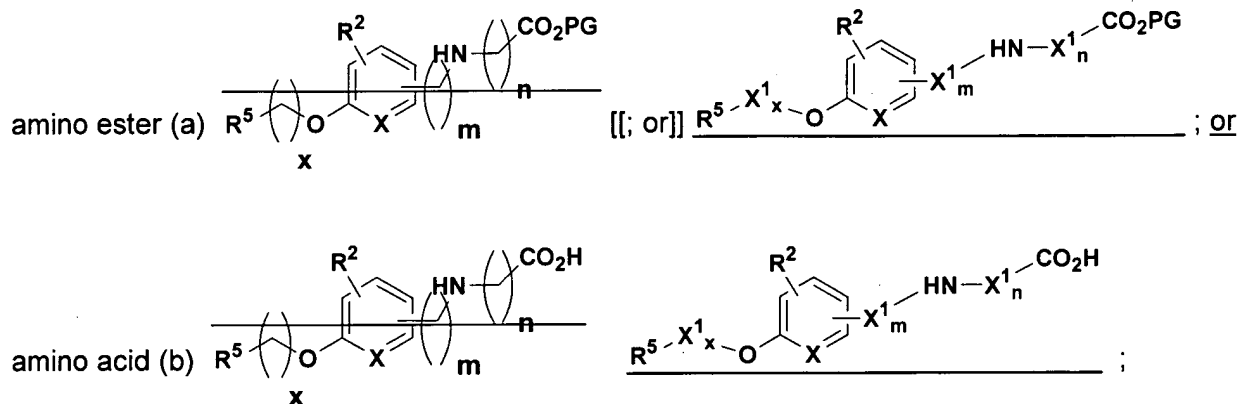


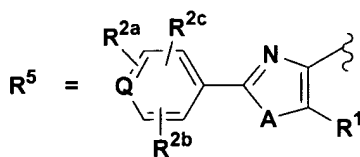
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 54. (Cancelled).

Claim 55. (Currently Amended) A compound having the structure



wherein PG is a carboxylic acid protecting group which is methyl, ethyl or t-butyl, and



wherein  $x$  is 2,  $m$  is 1,  $n$  is 1,  $X^1_x$  is an alkylene chain of two carbons, alkenylene chain of two carbons or an alkynylene chain of two carbons;

$X^1_m$  is an alkylene chain of one carbon; and

$X^1_n$  is an alkylene chain of one carbon;

Q is C;

A is O;

$R^1$  is methyl;

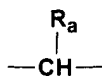
X is CH<sub>2</sub>;

$R^2$  is H, alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, amino or substituted amino;

$R^{2a}$ ,  $R^{2b}$  and  $R^{2c}$  are each H;

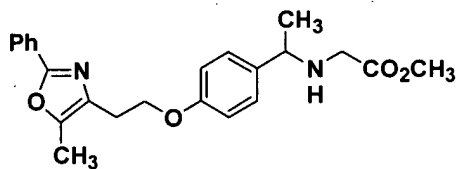
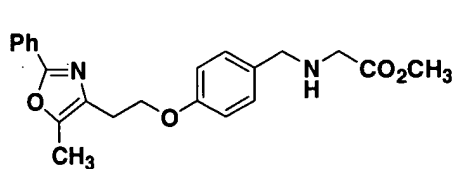
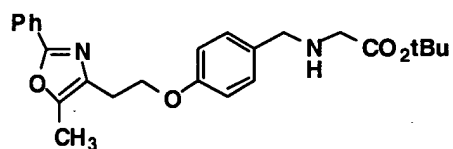
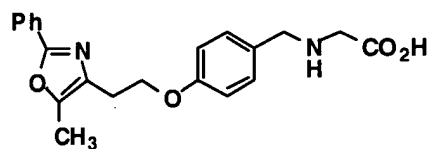
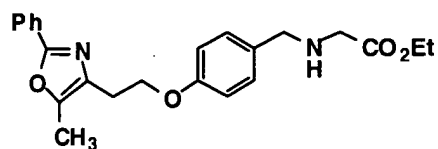
or stereoisomers thereof, or a prodrug ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 56. (Currently Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 55 wherein  $(CH_2)_x X^1_x$  is  $(CH_2)_2$ ,  $(CH_2)_3$ , or  $(CH_2)_2$ ,  
 $(CH_2)_m X^1_m$  is  $CH_2$ , or



wherein  $R_a$  is alkyl or alkenyl,  $(CH_2)_n X^1_n$  is  $CH_2$ ,  $R^1$  is lower alkyl, and  $R^{2a}$  H,  $R^4$  is H, X is CH; and PG is methyl, ethyl or t-butyl.

Claim 57. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 55 having the structure



, or

Claims 58 to 82. (Cancelled).